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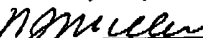
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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re the application of          | ) | Examiner: Mark S. BLOUIN |
| Gustafson et al.                  | ) | Art Unit: 2653           |
| For: SHOCK ISOLATION BEARINGS AND | ) | Confirmation No.: 4487   |
| TRAVEL LIMIT GAPS IN A SPINDLE    | ) |                          |
| MOTOR AND DISK DRIVE USING THE    | ) |                          |
| SAME                              | ) |                          |
| Serial No.: 09/846,054            | ) |                          |
| Filed: April 30, 2001             | ) | <u>AMENDMENT</u>         |
| Atty. Docket No.: K35A0459        | ) |                          |

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The present paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed May 27, 2004. Applicants respectfully request an extension of time for one month from August 27, 2004, to September 27, 2004. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee due under 37 CFR §1.17(a)(1) (fee code 1251) in the amount of \$110 to Deposit Account No. 23-1209, referencing Docket No. K35A0459. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

Amendments to the claims may be found beginning at page 2 of this paper.

Remarks and arguments may be found beginning at page 17 of this paper.